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In re)	
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Hisashi KANEKO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2123
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Application No.: 10/757,415)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filed: January 15, 2004)	
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For: SIMULATION CIRCUIT PATTERN)	Confirmation No.: 3384
EVALUATION METHOD,)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)	
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED)	
CIRCUIT, TEST SUBSTRATE,)	
AND TEST SUBSTRATE GROUP)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants also submit herewith a Notice of Reasons for Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application, which cites the listed non-English language documents and sets forth the relevance thereof, and an English language translation of that Notice.

Applicants also submit an English translation of the document by Ohmura and both an English abstract and partial English translation of JP 10-050785. Applicants advise that U.S. Patent No. 5,903,011 is a counterpart of JP 10-050785.

Copies of the foreign patent and non-patent documents are being provided. A copy of the listed U.S. patent is not being provided.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

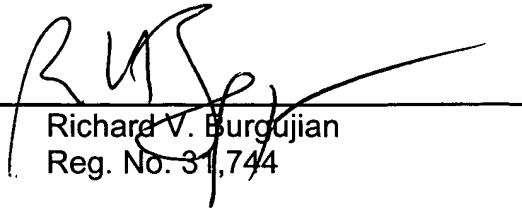
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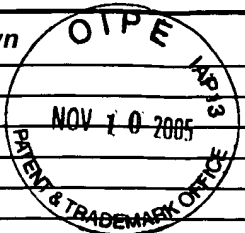
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		JP Pub. No. 10-050785	02/20/1998			Abstract and partial translation

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
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		Notice of Reasons for Rejection mailed September 6, 2005, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-344526 and English translation thereof	Yes
		HITOSHI OHMURA, A talk about design of experiment and analysis of variance, Japan Science and Technology Federation, 1984, p. 1-10 and English translation thereof	Yes

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
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